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SUBJECT: GKR FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT

1. FOLLOWING IS AN EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF A COMMUNIQUE OF THE GKR MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN AKP ON APRIL 15 .

2. QUOTE. THE FOREIGN PRESS HAS RECENTLY REPORTED TWO DECLARATIONS EMANATING FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF NORTH VIETNAM AND OF THE VIET CONG CONDEMNING THE SO- CALLED VIOLATION BY THE AMERICAN AIR FORCE OF THE PARIS ACCORDS AS THEY APPLY TO KHMER TERRITORY.

3. QUOTE. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC WISHES TO UNDERLINE THE HYPOCRISY OF SUCH DECLARATIONS. BECAUSE WHILE THE KHMER NATIONAL ARMED FORCES WERE SUSPENDING ALL OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS AND THE AMERICAN AIR FORCE REMAINED VOLUNTARILY INACTIVE IN ITS BASES OUTSIDE OF KHMER TERRITORY, THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AND VIET CONG, NOT ONLY DID NOTHING TO HONOR THEIR SIGNATURE ON THESE ACCORDS, BUT TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THIS RESPITE TO INTRODUCE NEW REINFORCEMENTS OF PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL INTO KHMER TERRITORY.

4. QUOTE. TO THE PROPOSAL MADE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE
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KHMER REPUBLIC TO OPEN CONVERSATIONS WITH A VIEW TOWARD A PRACTICAL CEASE- FIRE, THESE SAME NORTH VIETNAMESE AND VIET CONG REPLIED WITH MASSIVE ATTACKS MASSACRING AND RAIDING THE POPULATION OF OUR COUNTRYSIDE AND BURNING OUR HOUSES AND MONASTERIES.

5. QUOTE. THE KHMER PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT DENOUNCE BEFORE WORLD OPINION AND BEFORE PEACE AND JUSTICE- LOVING NATIONS THE CRIMES OF GENOCIDE WHICH THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AND VIET CONG CONTINUE TO PERPETRATE ON KHMER TERRITORY IN THEIR EXPANSIONIST AMBITIONS.

6. QUOTE. THEY INSIST THAT THESE INVADERS STOP THEIR CRIMINAL ACTS IMMEDIATELY AND WITHDRAW ALL THEIR TROOPS WITHOUT DELAY IN ORDER TO ALLOW THEM TO REESTABLISH THE PEACE AND SECURITY TO WHICH THEY ARDENTLY ASPIRE. END QUOTE.

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